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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Sex Offender Registration Detail

SUMMARY:

The SAPD Sex Offender Registration Detail (SORD) is responsible for identifying, locating and contacting individuals who have failed to register as sex offenders. In addition, the Detail processes the required registration, monitors registrants to ensure ongoing compliance, conducts notifications to school districts and submits offender information to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the DPS Sex Offender Database. The SORD is comprised of 7 sworn personnel (1 sergeant, 4 detectives and 2 patrol officers).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Definition

Chapter 62, Subsection A. of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure defines a registered sex offender as person with a reportable conviction or adjudication for one of 36 crimes which include the following:

Aggravated kidnapping	Online solicitation of minor
Aggravated sexual assault	Indecency with child by exposure
Possession of child pornography	Indecency with child by contact
Sexual performance of a child	Indecent exposure -2 nd conviction

SAPD Enforcement

The SORD is responsible for monitoring the approximately 3,200 registered sex offenders that reside within San Antonio. In addition to conducting monthly, quarterly and annual compliance checks as determined by the State, the Detail also proactively identifies and contacts individuals who fail to register. The table below summarizes the efforts of the SORD since 2016:

Activity	2016	2017	2018 YTD	TOTAL
Sex Offender Verification Forms	7,740	7,144	3,293	18,177
Sex Offenders Registered	8,183	8,135	2,752	19,070
DPS Updates	9,539	9,831	3,272	22,642
Home/Business Visits	3,067	2,926	1,389	7,382
Arrests	127	110	48	285
Cases Filed	113	104	52	269

Registration Requirements

Individuals with a reportable conviction or adjudication after September 1, 1970 are required to register as sex offenders to include those that are convicted out of state, under federal law, military law or under the law of other countries. Ultimately, the type of offense will determine the duration of registration:

- Adults must either register for 10 years or lifetime
- Juveniles must register for 10 years after date of supervision or discharge

As part of the registration process, individuals must do the following:

- Conduct verification of registered information either monthly, quarterly or annually based on the number of offense convictions
- Provide notification within 7 days of:
 - Change of residence to include the homeless
 - Change in name, health or job status
 - Employment or enrollment at an institution of higher education
 - Establishment or change of an email account, online identifier

Public Access to Information

The SORD submits information on registered sex offenders to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion on its Sex Offender Database. The database, which is accessible to the public, offers a variety of information on registered sex offenders within the state of Texas. Information provided in the database includes:

- Photo of the offender
- Physical description (weight, height, tattoos, etc.)
- Date of last verification
- Address of residence
- Offense information

SAPD Outreach

The SORD participates in sex offender compliance checks throughout the year in coordination with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety and the United States Marshal Service to ensure compliance during certain times of the year such as Halloween.

The Detail also responds to questions from the public regarding the sex offender program and will present information on the role of the Detail and the sex offender registration process at various community meetings.